

**INCREASED WIRE TOLL  
NOT CAUSED BY WAGE**

New York, April 8.—Telegraph tolls have been increased 20 per cent by the Postmaster General Burleson, who says he is not responsible for this advance. Because of a clash between the financial interests of the telegraph industry and the Postmaster General, it will not be permitted to use the tolls to subsidize the service.

These two groups are the Western Union and American Telegraph and Telephone Company (Bell system) on one side and the Telegraph Company on the other. Mr. Burleson deposited a bill with the House of Representatives of the Postal for "refusing to obey orders," and now, when the postal rates are to be increased 20 per cent increase in telegraph rates, the Postal people, through the Postmaster General, Burleson, and the *National Geographic* magazine, declare that Mr. Burleson has "very generously awarded to the telegraph companies the very handsome compensation of 165,245,641 which he gave them to make up for the tolls." The toll compensation is the "very handsome" additional "rake-off."

graph, has developed into a gigantic job whereby the American Telephone and Telegraph company has

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companies must have a capital of \$600,000 and must deposit with the state insurance commission

Other amendments to the compensation schedule would increase the weekly benefit from \$10 to \$16 a week and increase the maximum benefit from 10 to 60 per cent of the wages earned by the injured worker. The maximum benefit for an injured worker will be paid benefits have been reduced from 10 to three days.

**WILL ASK SIX-HOUR DAY.**

Haaleton, Pa., April 8.—When the 150,000 anthracite miners make the next demand on the Federal Government, they will ask for a six-hour day and a substantial increase in wages, said Senator Thomas Kennedy, president of the Haaleton district, who has returned from the Indianapolis

President Kennedy says that the

Harrisburg, Pa., April 5.—Industrial accidents in Pennsylvania during February claimed fewer than 100 lives, the lowest record in the past three years of the operation of the workmen's compensation act. Reports of 19,975 workers injured, including 100 fatalities were received during February, the lowest record was established in November, 1918, with 12,526 workers injured.

is lower than that of any other

**FAMILY BUDGET \$1,500.**

Dallas, Texas, April 1.—In deciding a wage controversy between organizers and employees, an umpire said that the most conservative estimate indicates that an average family could not be maintained on a lower income than \$1,400 to \$1,500 a year.

Included in the umpire's finding was the following:

"The painter's trade is subject to frequent periods of idleness and an

**CAR MEN WANT MORE.**

Boston, April 5.—Organized street car men employed by the Boston Elevated Railroad company have presented a new wage scale to the company. The present rates call for a maximum of 41 cents an hour with working day from nine to 11 hours.

The car men want the rate advanced and the work day reduced to eight

**GARMENT WORKERS' GAIN.**  
SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 8.—An agreement calling for a 10-hour week and a 10 per cent wage increase has been reached between clothing manufacturers of this city and the United Garment Workers. Nearly 1,000 are

players are benefited.

**OPPOSE NIGHT WORK.**  
Dustin, April 2.—Falling to the  
tempt to enact legislation that  
end night work in their  
the bakers' union has started  
union organization campaign.